Ashland Chemical Key Facts At A Glance Last Update: 7/28/04

Location: 10505 South Painter Avenue

Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Central Basin

Nearest active production well located ~5438 feet south of site

Description: Ashland Chemical Company operated a chemical blending, packaging and distribution center at this 10-acre site. The

facility utilized 46 USTs and 61 ASTs. Soil and groundwater beneath the site were impacted by historic releases of solvent chemicals. Ashland Chemical has performed soil and groundwater investigation and remediation activities at the site since 1984. The RWQCB and the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department have determined that no further soil remediation is required. However, groundwater remediation will continue until a "No Further Action" determination is made for groundwater. Following the "No Further Action" determination for site soils, Ashland Chemical sold the property to Painter Business Park, LLC. The property is currently being developed into a business park. Ashland

Chemical will continue to be responsible for site groundwater remediation and monitoring.

Chemicals Detected: VOCs formerly in soil and still remaining in groundwater, such as:

Benzene Toluene Ethylbenzene Xvlenes

1,2-dichloroethene (DCE) Trichloroethene (TCE)

Vinyl chloride

Extent: Soil contamination was remediated via removal and SVE

The Bellflower Aquiclude is the uppermost geologic unit at the site, varying in thickness from 5 feet in the southern portion of the site to 30 feet in the northern portion of the site, and overlying the merged Artesia/Gage Aquifers

The merged Artesia/Gage Aquifers occur from approximately 30 feet to 90 feet bgs beneath the property, and contain the

"shallow groundwater" at the site (first encountered at approximately 55 feet to 60 feet bgs)

Shallow groundwater at the site shows VOC contamination. For example, according to February 2002 Groundwater Monitoring Report, benzene = 120 ug/L max, ethylbenzene = 7,000 ug/L max, xylenes = 24,600 ug/L max, 1,2-DCE =

12,000 ug/L max

There is also regional VOC contamination in shallow groundwater. For example, groundwater southwest (downgradient) of the facility is contaminated with VOCs such as: vinyl chloride at 690 ug/L, benzene at 160 ug/L, and TCE at 760 ug/L. The vinyl chloride in the off-site downgradient wells may be the result of degradation products from the historical on-site

releases at the facility

An aquiclude approximately 30 feet thick underlies the Artesia/Gage Aquifers and separates them from the Hollydale

Aquifer, which contains "deep groundwater" at the site

VOC contamination also appears to be in deep groundwater, based on historical water quality data from site groundwater

monitoring reports

Monitoring: As of April 2004, ~19 monitoring wells in and around site, screened only in shallow groundwater (prior to site

Redevelopment as a business park, there were ~33 monitoring wells, screened mostly in shallow groundwater, a few in

deep groundwater)

Semiannual monitoring of water levels and VOC concentrations is performed

Remediation: Removal actions were conducted during 1998 through 1999 for all tanks and associated soils that were sources of VOC

contamination. These actions were completed by March 1999 under the oversight of the Santa Fe Springs Fire

Department. The RWQCB is responsible for oversight of additional corrective action.

On-site soils were extensively remediated. Based upon documented results of confirmatory soil sampling, RWQCB and City of Santa Fe Springs approved "Soil Closure" of the site and required "No Further Action". In 2003, the SVE

system was decommissioned. In total over 1,000,000 pounds of VOCs were removed.

A groundwater pump-and-treat system continues to operate to reduce concentrations of VOCs in on-site shallow groundwater. Off-site shallow groundwater VOC concentrations are expected to be reduced as a result of this system. Also, off-site VOC concentrations are controlled downgradient due to the groundwater extraction and treatment system at

The Powerine Refinery, located approximately ¼ mile southwest (downgradient) of the site.

Procedures: Ashland Chemical retains environmental consultant (URS Corporation) to manage its remediation and

groundwater monitoring activities.

Stakeholders: Ashland Chemical Company, RWQCB





